

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Has the principle laid down in the answer been observed in all cases in which exemption has been granted in the Science and the Arts Colleges except the one case relating to the backward community referred to by the member?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir. I believe so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know the reason for prescribing special rules in the Government Colleges?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Government consider it necessary to prescribe these rules in the interests of the country and in the interests of the Colleges themselves.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know how the interests of the country and the interests of the Colleges are intended to be served by these restrictions?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Government consider it necessary, Sir, to discourage students, who do not possess even average capacity, from proceeding to higher education.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Have they felt that this is an effective way of discouraging students from studying in the Colleges?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It is the most effective way Government have in their power.

Collection of fees in Schools and Colleges.

141. ***MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether fees in Government English Schools and Colleges are collected in British coins or State coins;

(b) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that some English grant-in-aid schools are collecting fees in British coins; and

(c) whether they have permitted any school in the State to collect fees in British coins?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(a) Both.

(b) Yes.

(c) The question is not clear.

Government holdings in the Government of India Securities.

142. ***MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state the extent of their holdings in the 3½ per cent. non-terminable Government of India Securities as at the commencement of the current year (1111) and to state whether any portion has since been converted into other securities?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Government hold Government of India Securities of the 3½ per cent. Loan of 1879 (non-terminable) for Rs. 14,91,100. No part of it has been converted into other securities.